

## Enclosure of letter from Eliza Symonds Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 11, 1877

The preparations for the festivities in connection with the inauguration of the city of Brantford, on the 31st inst., are progressing favourably. Answers of acceptance have been received from a number of fire companies, comprising in all about one thousand men. Large subscriptions are being made to defray expenses. The 31st is expected to be the greatest day Brantford has ever seen

### THE ATTITUDE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

London , May 5.—Thomas Carlyle publishes a letter in the *Times* to-day on the conflict between Russia and Turkey, which produces a marked sensation. Mr. Carlyle thinks the present policy of England is drifting the nation warwards. He most emphatically declares that no British interest whatever needs protecting except the Suez route. He speaks of the ignominy of England in being connected with Turkey at all, and asserts that the only hope for the Turks lies in the Russians angering them and gradually drilling them into knowledge and experience, fitting them to govern themselves. Carlyle adds that the newspaper outcry against the part taken by Russia proceeds from ignorance, egotism, and paltry national jealousy, which is no more respectable than the howlings of Bedlam. He says the rumour prevails that Disraeli, despite the Queen's Neutrality Proclamation, intends to send the English fleet to the Baltic, or do some other feat which shall compel Russia to declare war against England. Latterly the rumour has shifted from the Baltic and become still more sinister on the Eastern side of the scene, where a feat is contemplated that will force not Russia only, but all Europe, to declare war against us. This latter, he says, he has come to know as an indisputable fact. He calls the attention of the friends of their country to his

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sentiments, lest in a few weeks the maddest thing that the British Government could do should be done, and all Europe be at war.